

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 WELLIN 01593 300933Z
ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 EA-10 ISO-00 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00
COME-00 FRB-03 INR-10 IO-13 NEA-10 NSAE-00
USIA-06 OPIC-03 SP-02 TRSE-00 LAB-04 SIL-01
AGRE-00 OMB-01 SS-15 STR-07 L-03 OIC-02 /117 W
-----036996 302055Z /64

R 300737Z MAR 78
FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5259
INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY
AMEMBASSY SUVA

C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 01593

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, EFIN, NZ
SUBJECT: COMMONWEALTH MEETING OF COMMON FUND

REF: PARIS 8699

1. RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH OFFICIALS HERE HAVE SHED SOME LIGHT ON GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND THINKING ON COMMONWEALTH COMMON FUND MEETING TO BE HELD IN LONDON ON APRIL 13-14. IMPETUS FOR THE MEETING, WE ARE TOLD, CAME FROM COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT AS A FOLLOW-ON TO STUDY OF THE ISSUE INITIATED BY LAST YEAR'S MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS. ALTHOUGH MEETING IS SLATED TO BE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, THERE IS STRONG QUESTIONING OF WHETHER THIS IS ADVISABLE WITHIN THE GNZ. IF NEW ZEALAND DOES SEND A MINISTER TO THE MEETING, IT WILL NOT BE BECAUSE IT VIEWS THE LONDON SESSION OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE, BUT RATHER SIMPLY AS A GESTURE OF TRANS TASMAN COOPERATION WITH THE AUSTRALIANS. THE NEW ZEALANDERS SEE THE CHANGED AUSTRALIAN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 WELLIN 01593 300933Z

POSITION AS REFLECTING STRONG PERSONAL VIEWS OF PM FRASER RATHER THAN A SHIFT OF THINKING BASED ON ANALYSIS WITHIN THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAUCRACY. HENCE NEW ZEALAND WOULD NOT LIKE TO IRRITATE FRASER OVER THIS ISSUE AT A TIME WHEN WELLINGTON SEES THE NECESSITY OF AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA GENERALLY. ON THE OTHER HAND, SOUNDINGS HERE INDICATE LITTLE BASIC CHANGE IN THE GNZ

GENERAL WARINESS OF THE FUND CONCEPT AND A STRONG
INCLINATION TO STAY IN THE MIDDLE OF GROUP B.

2. GNZ OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE SPOKE FEEL IT IS CLEAR
THAT PROPONENTS OF COMMONWEALTH MEETING ARE PROBABLY
SEEKING SOME TYPE OF ALTERATION OR EROSION OF THE
PRESENT GROUP B POSITION, AND, GIVEN AUSTRALIAN SHIFT,
OUR INFORMANTS FEEL THIS MAY BE A POSSIBILITY. IN THIS
CONTEXT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE
US WITH LATEST THINKING ON THE FUND, FOLLOWING OECD
AD HOC GROUP MEETING EARLIER THIS MONTH, WHICH WE COULD
SHARE WITH GNZ OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH THIS QUESTION.
SELDEN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ECONOMIC COOPERATION, MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, COMMON MARKETS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978WELLIN01593
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780138-1042
Format: TEL
From: WELLINGTON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t1978036/aaaaaerl.tel
Line Count: 75
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 44e4a1c5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 PARIS 8699
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3305005
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: COMMONWEALTH MEETING OF COMMON FUND
TAGS: ETRD, EFIN, NZ
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/44e4a1c5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014